(c) if so, the position in regard to the students of Kendriya Vidyalaya and Navodaya Vidyalaya;

(d) whether Government propose to issue directions in view of the court's decision; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, the School authorities under NCT of Delhi have filed LPA No. 1650/05 and 1652/05 against the order of the High Court. The matter is subjudice.

(c) In the Kendriya Vidyalayas, students are offered subjects and streams as per the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Admission Rules and Guidelines. In Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas students are allowed to take subjects of their choice subject to availability of vacancy in the concerned stream. However, for admission in Class XI, the students offering Science Streams with Mathematics are required to obtain minimum aggregate of marks in Class X as 45% with 50% and 45% marks in Science and Maths respectively. A student securing 45% aggregate marks in Class X with 50% in Science subject is eligible to opt for the Science Stream without Mathematics in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Allahabad Agricultural Institute

2693. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Allahabad Agricultural Institute (Deemed University) is running the course of Bachelor of physiotherapy through its study centres spread all over the country since 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the locations and the number of students and whether AAI obtained approval of UGC and the Distance Education Council before starting this course;

(c) whether the fee paid by the students would be returned alongwith interest and penalty in the event of approval not being given by the UGC;

(d) what is the mechanism to check such courses being run by the different Universities/Institutes which do not have approval of the UGC; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to protect interest of the students who are pursuing this course and are in the final year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Allahabad Agricultural Institute (AAI). Allahabad, is a minority insfitution. As per the information provided by the AAI, the Institute started its distance education centres in the year 2002 and is conducting the course of Bachelor of Physiotherapy in over 150 centres all over the country enrolling 4215 students. The University Grants Commission (UGC) and the Distance Education Council (DEC) have not accorded their approval to the AAI for conducting Bachelor of Physiotherapy Courses through the distance mode.

(d) and (e) The UGC is mandated to maintain and coordinate the standards of Higher Education in the country and the DEC maintains standards of education through the distance mode. The Commission has written to all institutions, deemed to be universities, *inter-alia,* suggesting to observe its guidelines on the subject.

Improvements in Government Schools

†2694. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether children of 71 per cent of families in urban areas and children of 77 per cent of families in rural areas get admissions in the Government schools;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.